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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING IMAGE DATA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the analysis of the errors involves principal component analysis for each cluster (local or fuzzy local principal component analysis) to produce a subspace representative of each cluster.